

Mr. President, I urge H.R. 3130 be passed.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I would like to commend the efforts of the conferees of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 for the hard work they have done to secure passage of child support reform legislation. The legislation that has passed the House and Senate represents a significant victory for children who are getting the support they need from both parents. I am pleased that the conferees accepted a provision offered by Senator GRASSLEY and I to further enhance the states' efforts along with banks to streamline the matching process that is required to gather financial information to support our children.

The changes we have proposed through this provision will allow the Federal Parent Locator Service to aid our State agencies in their collection efforts. Financial institutions doing business in two or more States would be able to use the Federal Parent Locator Service to assist them in matching data for child support enforcement purposes. The language included in this provision will provide a structure for a centralized and coordinated matching process, thereby streamlining data matches for the financial institutions and state child support enforcement programs. We believe that such measures will prevent the duplication of efforts by states and banks and assist us in the ultimate aim of getting more money to more children more quickly.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 634, which is Major General Jack Klump to be lieutenant general; 655, through 661. That is a whole series of ambassadorial nominations reported by the Foreign Affairs Committee on June 23; 664-673; 698, which is William Massey, to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; 699, Michael Copps to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce; and 700, Awilda R. Marquez, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and the nomination on the Secretary's desk in the Foreign Service.

I further ask unanimous consent the nominations be confirmed, the motion to consider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Jack W. Klump, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Nancy E. Soderberg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Nancy E. Soderberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Vivian Lowery Derryck, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Shirley Elizabeth Barnes, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar.

Charles Richard Stith, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

Nancy Halliday Ely-Raphel, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

William Davis Clarke, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Eritrea.

George Williford Boyce Haley, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Gambia.

Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Jeffrey Davidow, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mexico.

John O'Leary, of Maine, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chile.

Michael Craig Lemmon, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service,

Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Armenia.

Rudolf Vilem Perina, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova.

Paul L. Cejas, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Belgium.

Cynthia Perrin Schneider, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Kenneth Spencer Yalowitz, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Georgia.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

William Lloyd Massey, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2003. (Reappointment)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Michael J. Copps, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Awilda R. Marquez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Foreign Service nomination of John M. O'Keefe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 3, 1997

NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J. COPPS TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TRADE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I urge this body to confirm Michael J. Copps to be the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development. Mike Copps has been enormously effective as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Basic Industries; the sooner the Senate approves his nomination, the sooner he can go to work to further our nation's economic interests and develop new trade opportunities for American industry.

It has been my privilege to know Mike Copps for over 25 years. He served on my staff for 15 years and was my administrative assistant for over a decade. In that time, I came to know and respect Mike; and today there is no one whose judgment I value more highly or in whose abilities I place greater confidence. In fact, Mr. Chairman, I can think of no one better suited to serve as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development than Michael Copps.

Mike is a man of measured judgment and extraordinary maturity, and he possesses a keen, analytical mind. I can state from personal experience that he is the consummate chief of staff—cool and collected, Mike Copps leads by example. In moments of crisis, he was calm. In times of indecision, he was resolute. And he always demonstrated high-minded principle and professionalism.